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BENNETT STATEMENT ON SUPREME COURT RULING

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Following is a statement by Senator Bob Bennett (R-Utah) on last night's 7-2 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court declaring as unconstitutional the ruling by the Florida Supreme Court to continue the vote recount in Florida:

"The U.S. Supreme Court made it very clear one week ago, by its 9-0 opinion, that the Florida Supreme Court decision calling for a recount was flawed and unconstitutional. The Florida Court didn't listen and tried to rule the same way again. The Supreme Court had to say last night in sharper language and a wide margin of 7-2, 'you don't understand, you're violating the U.S. Constitution. We told you that once. You didn't hear us, so we'll tell you again.'

"To those looking to the 'remanding' language at the conclusion of the ruling as a signal that there is still room for appeal or change, they are wrong. In fact, the language in the ruling remanding the case to the lower court is for nothing more than housekeeping purposes, and is a standard conclusion in nearly every Supreme Court rejection of a State Supreme Court ruling.

"By calling for a suspension of the recount this morning, it appears the Gore campaign recognizes that the election is over, and as the country believed on November 7, George W. Bush is our next president. I hope the vice president will call on his supporters to acknowledge and endorse this. It's now time to look ahead with optimism and great confidence to the open, accessible administration George W. Bush and Dick Cheney will head."

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